

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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An electromagnetic unit is provided for a lens barrel in which a light exposure controlling unit for controlling an amount of light is integrated. The electromagnetic unit is employed as a drive source for driving shutter blades, and a direction of the movement of a plunger in the electromagnetic unit is switched by a shutter lever, and the shutter blades are opened and closed. A coil and the plunger of the electromagnetic unit are disposed in parallel with an optical axis to reduce the space required for the electromagnetic unit, whereby downsizing of the light exposure controlling unit and the lens barrel is achieved.